

7. (New) A satellite broadcast signal distribution system that distributes received satellite broadcast signals to remote receiver equipment via a distribution cable, said satellite broadcast signal distribution system comprising:

a satellite signal receiving antenna that receives at least first and second distinct blocks of broadcast program signals from at least one satellite, said first block comprising a first plurality of broadcast program signals, said second block comprising a second plurality of broadcast program signals;

at least one block converter coupled to the satellite signal receiving antenna, said block converter block-frequency-converting at least the first block comprising the first plurality of broadcast program signals to a different frequency band; and

a coupler, coupled to the block converter, that applies both blocks onto said distribution cable for simultaneous distribution to the remote receiver equipment.

- 8. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein said receiver equipment produces a control signal, and said system further includes an electrically operated switch disposed at said receiver equipment, said switch operating to select said block-frequency-converted first block or said second block carried by said distribution cable, said switch operating in response to the control signal produced by said receiver equipment.
 - 9. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein:

the receiver equipment is of the type that alternately receives vertical polarization type satellite signals and horizontal polarization type satellite signals;

the coupler simultaneously applies both a vertical polarization type block of satellite broadcast signals and a horizontal polarization type block of satellite broadcast signals to the same distribution cable; and

the system further includes a head-out processor disposed at the receiver equipment and coupled to said distribution cable, said head-out processor selecting between said vertical polarization type block of satellite broadcast signals and said horizontal polarization type block of satellite broadcast signals for application to said receiver equipment.

- 10. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein said distribution cable comprises a single coaxial or fiber cable.
- 11 (New) The system of claim 7 wherein said block converter converts said first block to a frequency band outside of the range of 950-1450 MHz.
- 12. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein said block converter converts said first and second blocks to frequency bands outside of the range of 950-1450 MHz.
- 13. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the system permits the blocks to travel via existing wiring.
- 14. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter converts the satellite broadcast signals to frequencies which present day amplifiers can transport.
- 15. (New) The system of claim 7 further including re-converting the signals to their original frequencies.

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- 16. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the first block comprises vertically polarized signals and the second block comprises horizontally polarized signals.
- 17. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the first block comprises left-hand circular polarization signals and the second block comprises right-hand circular polarization signals.
- 18. (New) The system of claim 7 further including passing said received signals through a low noise block converter.
- 19. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter includes an up converter.
- 20. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter includes a down converter.
- 21. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter comprises a down converter and an up converter.
- 22. (New) The system of claim 7 further including a further block converter at said receiver equipment, said further block converter block-frequency-converting at least one of said first and second blocks into a range the receiver equipment can receive.
- 23. (New) The system of claim 7 further including a switch at said receiver equipment, said switch switching between said first and second blocks.
- 24. (New) The system of claim 7 further including a selector at said receiver equipment, said selector selecting said first block or said second block.

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25. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the block converter frequency-converts said first block to a first frequency band and frequency-converts said second block to a second frequency band different from and non-overlapping with said first frequency band.

- 26. (New) The system of claim 7 wherein the receiver equipment includes a tuner that tunes to select a particular satellite broadcast signal within said first and second satellite broadcast signal blocks for reception.
- 27. (New) In a satellite broadcast signal distribution system that distributes received satellite broadcast signals to multiple receiver equipment installations via a shared distribution cable, a method comprising:

obtaining at least first and second blocks of broadcast program signals transmitted by at least one satellite, said first block comprising a first plurality of broadcast program signals, said second block comprising a second plurality of broadcast program signals;

block-frequency-converting at least the first block comprising the first plurality of broadcast program signals to a different frequency band; and

simultaneously applying both the block-frequency-converted first block and the second block to the shared distribution cable for distribution to said multiple receiver equipment installations.